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NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In Re Application of: UEMURA et al. Art Unit: 1652 Examiner: Y. D. Pak Application No.: 09/856,371 Filed: May 21, 2001 Washington, D.C. For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE BSSP2 Atty.'s Docket: UEMURA7 Date: November 19, 2004 THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop: Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202 Transmitted herewith is a [X] Amendment [] _ in the above-identified application.] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY (Col. 2) (Col. 1) (Col. 3) ADDITIONAL CLAIMS HIGHEST NO. PRESENT ADDITIONAL RATE OR RATE REMAINING PREVIOUSLY FEE EXTRA FEE PAID FOR **AFTER EQUALS** AMENDMENT TOTAL MINUS 30 O 9 \$ 18 INDEP MINUS 0 44 \$ 88 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM 150 \$ 300 ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL OR \$ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. [] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other Than Small Entity

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does <u>not</u> include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.